

Application No.: 09/991,142

Docket No.: 21806-00134-US

REMARKS

Claims 13-14 are allowed. Claims 16, 17, 18 and 19 were previously withdrawn and claims 11 and 15 were previously canceled. Claims 1-10, 12 and 20-22 have been canceled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 23, 2005, the drawings were objected to because they do not include reference character "168;" claims 1, 2, 7-9, 12 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,038,680 (Yagi); claims 1, 2, 6-12, 12 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,258,379 (Watanabe et al.); claims 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. as applied to claims 1, 2, 6-9, 12 and 21, and further in view of JPO 288055 (Yamaguchi); claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. as applied to claims 1, 2, 6-9, 12 and 21, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,365,447 (Herbert et al.); claims 20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. as applied to claims 1, 2, 6-9, 12 and 21, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,694,321 (Washio et al.); and claims 12 and 14 were allowed.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to because they do not include reference character "168." In response to the objection, the specification has been amended to eliminate reference character "168." Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding drawing rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

First, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner Lee for the early indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13-14. To that end, claims 1-10, 12 and 20-22 are canceled in order to place the case in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Based on the above amendments and arguments, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-3223, under Order No. 21806-00134-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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